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SUBJECT: FOREIGN TEACHER AT NANKAI UNIVERSITY COMMENTS ON CURRENT
CAMPAIGN

1. DURING A CALL UL USLO MARCH 16, MAURICE NAYMAN,
UK CITIZEN-TEACHER AT TIENTSIN'ZU NANKAI UNIVERSITY
WHO IS BEING DEPORTED BECAUSE OF PROTEST OVER NIXON
VISIT (REFTELS), HAD FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS ABOUT
THE ANTI-RIGHTIST CAMPAIGN AT NANKAI.

2. CAMPAIGN HAD GOTTEN OFF TO VERY SLUGGISH START
AT NANKAI. THERE WERE NO POSTERS OR DISCUSSIONS UNTIL
A DELEGATION OF STUDENT LEADERS VISITED TSINGHUA
UNIVERSITY IN PEKING TO STUDY THE WALL POSTERS THERE.
SHORTLY AFTER THEIR RETURN TO NANKAI IN MID-FEBRUARY,
THE CAMPUS BLOSSOMED WITH WALL POSTERS, DUPLICATING
WORD-FOR-WORD THOSE STUDIED AT TSINGHUA. THE NANKAI
CAMPAIGN HAD SUBSEQUENTLY KEPT CAREFUL PACE WITH THAT
AT TSINGHUA. NAYMAN DETECTED AN AIR OF CAUTION AMONG
FACULTY AND STUDENTS, AND FOUND NO PARTICULAR ENTHUSIASM
FOR THE CAMPAIGN EVEN AMONG THE POST-GPCR-TRAINED (AND
GENERALLY INFERIOR) FACULTY MEMBERS, AND AMONG THE WORKER-
PEASANT-SOLDIER STUDENTS, TWO MAJOR GROUPS ON CAMPUS
WHOSE INTERESTS THE CAMPAIGN IS SUPPOSEDLY ZOFENDING.

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3. NAYMAN, WHILE AN AVOWED MARXIST, SAID HE WAS LEAVING THE PRC THOROUGHLY FED UP WITH WHAT HE CALLS CHINA'S "THREE-OCRACIES" - THE BUREAUCRACY, THE HYPOCRISY, AND THE THEOCRACY - AN ATTITUDE HE INDICATED WAS SHARED BY MOST OF THE FOREIGN STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AT NANKAI. HE WAS PARTICULARLY APPALLED AT THE HYPOCRISY OF SOME CHINESE FACULTY MEMBERS WHO JUST LAST YEAR HAD BEEN STAUNCHLY DEFENDING TENG'S METEORIC REHABILITATION AGAINST CYNICAL QUESTIONING BY NAYMAN AND OTHERS, BUT WHO WERE NOW MOUNTING ANTI-TENG INVECTIVE WITH THE SAME RIGHTEOUS CONVICTION.
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